

Dear Members of the Human Services Committee of Connecticut General Assembly:

My name is Andres, I am a Student from Danbury .

I stand in support of S.B. No. 284: "AN ACT INCREASING THE AGE FROM EIGHT TO EIGHTEEN YEARS FOR AN INCOME-ELIGIBLE PERSON TO OBTAIN MEDICAL ASSISTANCE REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS," with clear language that extends eligibility to all HUSKY programs to all CT residents, regardless of immigration status.

I am Andres Idrovo, I am an immigrant that came to the U.S at the age of 8 and is now 22. Husky for immigrants will help me to pay for my medical expenses that I don't have the money for.

Does not having access to healthcare affect me? Yes, first in my own life, since I have asthma and I have to pay a full price of around \$300 monthly for an inhaler on top of paying rent, school, living expenses, etc, etc. Also, whenever my family or I get sick or injured in any type of way we have to resort to home remedies and /or "toughing it out" since medical expenses are way too high for even us to think to get the right treatment, which is very inhumane of the health system since we pay taxes and have lived in this country almost 15 years.

It would help me personally since I would be able to access proper healthcare that everyone that I know has always had which in turn will help me go through my studies, my daily life, physically, economically and mentally. It would also give me a piece of mind since my family and community would get the treatment they well deserve.

I support S.B. No 284, with clear language to extend current HUSKY eligibility rules to all CT residents, regardless of immigration status, and I ask the committee to support this legislation.

Thank you for your time,

Andres